

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

§51.1546

§51.1543 U.S. No. 2.

“U.S. No. 2” consists of potatoes which meet the following requirements:

- (a) Similar varietal characteristics;
- (b) Not seriously misshapen;
- (c) Free from:
 - (1) Freezing;
 - (2) Blackheart;
 - (3) Late blight, southern bacterial wilt and ring rot; and,
 - (4) Soft rot and wet breakdown.
- (d) Free from serious damage by any other cause. See §§51.1564 and 51.1565.
- (e) Size. Not less than 1½ inches in diameter, unless otherwise specified in connection with the grade.
- (f) For tolerances see §51.1546.

UNCLASSIFIED

§51.1544 Unclassified.

“Unclassified” consists of potatoes which have not been classified in accordance with any of the foregoing grades. The term “unclassified” is not a grade within the meaning of these standards but is provided as a designation to show that no grade has been applied to the lot.

SIZE

§51.1545 Size.

(a) The minimum size, or minimum and maximum sizes may be specified in connection with the grade in terms of diameter or weight of the individual potato, or in accordance with one of the size designations in Table I or Table II: *Provided*, That sizes so specified shall not be in conflict with the basic size requirements for the grade.

(b) When size is designated as shown in Table II, the corresponding weight ranges shall be applied. These size designations may be applied to potatoes packed in any size container: *Provided*, that the weight ranges are within the limits specified.

TABLE I

| Size designation | Minimum diameter ¹ or weight | | Maximum diameter ¹ or weight | |
|---------------------------|---|------------------|---|------------------|
| | Inches | Ounces | Inches | Ounces |
| Size A ² | 1⅞ | (³) | (³) | (³) |
| Size B | 1½ | (³) | 2¼ | (³) |
| Small | 1¾ | (³) | 2½ | 6 |

TABLE I—Continued

| Size designation | Minimum diameter ¹ or weight | | Maximum diameter ¹ or weight | |
|------------------|---|--------|---|--------|
| | Inches | Ounces | Inches | Ounces |
| Medium | 2¼ | 5 | 3¼ | 10 |
| Large | 3 | 10 | 4¼ | 16 |

¹ Diameter means the greatest dimension at right angles to the longitudinal axis, without regard to the position of the stem end.

² In addition to the minimum size specified, a lot of potatoes designated as Size A shall contain at least 40 percent of potatoes which are 2½ inches in diameter or larger or 6 ounces in weight or larger.

³ No requirement.

TABLE II

[Ounces]

| Size designation | Minimum weight | Maximum weight |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Under 50 | 15 | |
| 50 | 12 | 19 |
| 60 | 10 | 16 |
| 70 | 9 | 15 |
| 80 | 8 | 13 |
| 90 | 7 | 12 |
| 100 | 6 | 10 |
| 110 | 5 | 9 |
| 120 | 4 | 8 |
| 130 | 4 | 8 |
| 140 | 4 | 8 |
| Over 140 | 4 | 8 |

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TOLERANCES

§51.1546 Tolerances.

To allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling in each of the foregoing grades, the following tolerances by weight or equivalent basis, are provided as specified.

(a) *For defects*—(1) *U.S. Extra No. 1*. A total of 5 percent for potatoes in any lot which fail to meet the requirements for the grade: *Provided*, That not more than two-fifths of this tolerance, or 2 percent, shall be allowed for potatoes which are affected by freezing, southern bacterial wilt, ring rot, late blight, soft rot or wet breakdown, including therein not more than one-half of 1 percent for potatoes which are frozen or affected by soft rot or wet breakdown. See §51.1547.

(2) *U.S. No. 1*. A total of 8 percent for potatoes in any lot which fail to meet